



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held July 31, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The State Supreme Court has issued a ruling in the case of O’Connell v. City of Stockton which speaks to the issue of a local ordinance allowing the forfeiture of vehicles when used to commit certain criminal acts under State law. The Court of Appeal held that State law preempts the Stockton ordinance and the Supreme Court’s ruling concurs with the Court of Appeal. Our County has vehicle forfeiture ordinances for three types of offenses: Illegal dumping, water theft and speed contests. The active enforcement of these ordinances and the Board’s consideration of a similar ordinance for graffiti and tagging activities were on hold pending the outcome of this decision.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, and by common consent, there being no objection, the Board instructed County Counsel to work with the District Attorney’s Office and the Sheriff’s Department and report back to the Board in two weeks with a review of the Supreme Court’s ruling in the case of O’Connell v. City of Stockton to determine its impact on the County’s existing vehicle forfeiture ordinances and recommendations for the Board’s consideration, including the option to seek legislation.

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